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For several years the existence of the mountain lake in the inner part of this island has been accepted but without precise information, for it was regarded as a sacred spot and the administrators of the Dutch East Indies were quite content to avoid the trouble which would surely follow any attempt to explore the lake. Dr. Elbert, however, has visited it, not without great danger, has established its position and has brought out our first definite information as to the speech and customs of the Tihu people who surround the lake and religiously defend it from intruders. The linguistic results of the expedition are presented in a vocabulary of some 700 words in two Sumbawa languages which exhibit many of the characters that distinguish the Malay of the Philippines from the mixed speech of Java and Sumatra.

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AUSTRALASIA AND OCEANIA

Reisewege und Aufenthalte in Melanesien. Von Dr. Otto Schlaginhaufen. 20 pp. Maps. Reprint, Verhandl. Schweiz. Naturforschenden Gesellsch., 94. Jahresversammlung, 1911. Vol. I. Solothurn.

This is a very clear and an interesting day book of the author's travels in Neu Mecklenburg and New Guinea, 1907-9, to which two itinerary charts are appended. In an inset of the former of these charts lies the particular value of the record for students of Melanesia. This in quite satisfactory detail and upon a scale of 1:187,500 is a map of the Feni Islands which lie (4° S.) off the coasts of Neu Mecklenburg. Upon the earlier charts these two islands, Ambitlé and Bábäse, are variously designated Aneri, Wuneram, St. Jan and Bournand. Dr. Schlaginhaufen gives the names and position of five mountain peaks, two rivers and thirteen communities on Bábäse; on Ambitlé, considerably the larger island, he places twelve peaks, five rivers, eighteen communities and sites of three abandoned, and in addition gives Balim as the name of the northern and Pigan of the southern regions of the island. Thirty years ago I tried in vain upon the spot to find a name for the group. St. Jan and Bournand are known only upon charts. Aneri I found to be a name in use only among the Siara on the opposite coast of Neu Mecklenburg. Feni was in use on the islands but I could not apply it further than to the region now noted as Balim. Parkinson ("Dreissig Jahre in der Südsee," page 302) attributes the name Feni (Finni) to the employment of the people of Tanga, the next northerly archipelago. This need cause no surprise, for very few of the Melanesian lands have names for aught more general than the village and its beach, for the stream and the mountain peak. It is very interesting to note that in the six dozen names which this careful traveler has supplied for these insignificant specks of land in a distant sea not one has the slightest trace of Polynesian influence. Thirty years ago I noted the population as distinctly Polynesian. Their disappearance is not surprising and gastronomic depopulation is far from uncommon.

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Nova Guinea. Résultats de l'Expédition Scientifique Néerlandaise à la Nouvelle-Guinée en 1903 sous les auspices de Arthur Wichmann. Vol. 2, 2^{ème} Partie: Entdeckungsgeschichte von Neu-Guinea (1885 bis 1902). Von A. Wichmann. pp. 371-1026. Maps, index. E. J. Brill, Leiden, 1912. £2 2s. 11d. 12½ x 10.

This ponderous volume (in reality it is but the latter half of the second volume of its series) shows the great care expended upon the results of Wichmann's exploration of New Guinea in 1903. For work of this character the publication of final results in less than ten years is properly to be regarded as evidence of the utmost industry. In this half volume we find a concise summation of the work of every explorer who was occupied upon the great island from 1885 to 1902, up to the date of this Dutch expedition. In each brief record Dr. Wichmann has shown the nature of the expedition, the limits of territory within which it operated, the results of all discovery made by it, and, wherever necessary, has commented upon the value of these results. Expedition is rather too formal a designation. He has included every voyager who has left written